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since 16 March the Beirut Regional Committee of the Communist Party has been raising money to finance communist-supported candidates in the national elections by selling subscription tickets at one Lebanese pound each. The tickets state that the candidates represent the "Popular Democratic Front." \*\* Fifteen thousand tickets have been printed - emough to cover the five thousand pound deposits of the three communist-backed candidates, \*\*\* Mustafa al-'Aris, Antum Tabit, and Krikor Khacherian, \*\*\*\*

the campaign photographs of al-PAris, which describe him as "the candidate of the workers and people's groups." were printed at the al-Najjah Press in Behrut and were paid for by Viktor Nikulin of the Soviet Legation.

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a meeting of Communists was held on the evening of 17 March in Tripoli at the home of a Khara'ki whose first name the informant did not know. The chief subject under discussion at the meeting was the forthcoming national election. The following were among those present at the meeting: Mustafa al-'Aris, Yusuf al-Hilu, Antun Tabit, George Sarkis, and a Jubran Akkawi.

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, a cut diamond said to be worth about three thousand Lebanese pounds was displayed at the meeting. The diamond was in the possession of George Sarkis, who said that it had been received from the Israeli Communist Party to assist the Lebanese Communist Party in the coming elections.\*\*\*\*

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If any communist candidates file for election, they must do so as independent candidates, as the Communist Party is officially outlawed in Lebanon. Each candidate must post an election bond of five thousand Lebanese pounds, which is returned if the candidate receives a certain minimum number of votes. If he does not receive enough votes, the bond is forfeited.

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backing three candidates contradicts an earlier report which stated that Mustafa al-'Aris would be the sole candidates receiving the support of the Party. The more recent announcement that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of al-'Aris has given rise to the belief that his name will be withdrawn and that of Sa'd al-Din Muminah substituted.

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Krikor Khacherien was estensibly a neutral, independent Armenian candidate, but was actually a member of the leftist Hinchak Party.

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cut diamonds are being smuggled into Lebenon from Israel in increasing numbers.

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